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ELECTION OF A JUDGE OF THE EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN
RIGHTS.

1. THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE
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COMPLETED TODAY THE FIRST IMPORTANT ORDER OF BUSINESS IN THE

SECOND PART OF ITS 28TH ORDINARY SESSION BY EMITTING A FAVORABLE
OPINION ON THE ACCESSION OF PORTUGAL TO THE COUNCIL. THE
ASSEMBLY UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED AN OPINION PRESENTED BY THE
POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE THAT PORTUGAL THROUGH FREE ELECTIONS
OF ITS PARLIAMENT AND PRESIDENT AND ITS ACCEPTANCE OF COUNCIL
OF EUROPE AIMS FULLY SATISFIES CONDITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN
THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE.

2. IT NOW REMAINS FOR THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS FORMALLY TO
INVITE PORTUGAL TO BECOME A MEMBER. PORTUGUESE ACCEPTANCE OF
THE INVITATION IS EXPECTED TO BE RAPID AND PORTUGAL SHOULD
BECOME A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL BY OCTOBER AND WILL HAVE SEVEN
REPRESENTATIVES IN THE ASSEMBLY.

3. THE ASSEMBLY ALSO ELECTED PIERRE-HENRI TEITGEN, WELL
KNOWN FRENCH POLITICAL FIGURE AND PROFESSOR OF LAW AT PARIS,
AS A JUDGE ON THE EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN STRASBOURG
WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE IN 1980.ROMINE

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